

Daily Walk (Part 2)

Lesson 7- Spiritual Discipleship and Growth

Intro: Today's lesson is part 2 of our daily walk with the Lord. We will look at some basic study and prayer principles that we can all use as a reminder on. Prayerfully this lesson will help you grow in your walk with the Lord.

Some basic rules for Bible study:

A. Begin with a short prayer, asking the Lord to teach you.

Look up and write out Psalm 119:18.

B. Remember God means what He says and says what He means.

Take every word in its primary, literal meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“When the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense, or it all becomes nonsense.”

C. Keep in Mind, while the entire Bible was written for you, it was not all written to you, nor was it all written about you, but it is all profitable for you. 2 Timothy 3:16

To help you understand a passage, apply the Golden Key. Always ask these four questions.

Who is speaking?

To whom is he speaking?

About what is he speaking?

When was he speaking?

D. Have a definite Bible reading schedule.

If you don't, your Bible reading will become hit and miss, and so will your Christian life.

E. Keep a notebook to write down truths, insights, and questions.

F. Mark your Bible.

Underline key verses. Write down other references in the margins.

G. Treat the Bible as a personal letter from God.

Read it ardently and expectantly, as you would read a love letter. Jeremiah 31:3

H. Scripture always interprets Scripture.

Always interpret an obscure passage in the light of a clear passage. 2 Peter 1:20

I. You MUST resolve to obey the Word of God as you read it and study it. John 15:14, James 1:22

J. When you cannot understand a Scripture.

Remember you have a pastor who cares for you, and who delights in teaching the Word of God. Call him, listen to him, and then go back and check the scriptures to see if what he says is so.

Ideas:

Word Study Book Study Topical Study Proverb a day

5 Psalms per day and you will read through the book in 1 month.

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Some basic teaching on prayer:

In your daily quiet time with the Lord, it is also important to pray. We will at some point dedicate a full lesson on prayer but this will get us started.

A. What is prayer?

Look up: Matthew 6:5-7 In your own words, tell what prayer is not.

Prayer is not _____.

Look up: Matthew 7:7 The word “pray” simply means “to ask.” Prayer is asking, it is the cry of a Christian unto God, the request of a child to his or her Father.

B. To whom do we pray?

Look up: John 15:16, John 16:23, Luke 11:2. To whom should we address our prayers? _____.

Nowhere does the Bible instruct us to repeat Luke 11:2-4. It is actually not the Lord’s prayer (He never prayed it) It is a “model” prayer.

Here’s a handy way to remember the key elements of prayer.

Adoration- Praising & worshiping God- Psalm 107:8

A Confession- Searching one’s heart and life- Psalm 51:10

C Thanksgiving- Thanking God for all His blessings- Hebrew 13:15

T Supplication- Making requests known to God- Ephesians 6:18

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C. In whose name do we pray?

Look up: John 14:14 and John 16:24. We pray in the Name of _____.

D. What things may we ask for?

Matthew 6:11 _____

James 1:5 _____

2 Thessalonians 3:1 _____

Acts 4:29 _____

Psalms 34:4 _____

Psalms 119:18 _____

Psalms 119:133 _____

There are many other things we can pray for; the above are just some examples. As a general rule: Begin your prayer by thanking God for blessings. In the middle, pray for others and their needs. At the end, pray for yourself and your needs.

J - Jesus first **O** - Others next **Y** - Yourself last

E. Keep an on-going prayer list:

1. Keep a prayer list with your Bible. On it, write down any definite requests you have, special family needs, church needs, and the special requests other Christians may share with you.

2. Don’t forget to write down the answers as they come.